

Application No.: 10/751,218  
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Response

### **Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

#### Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): In combination, a sports boat having first and second spaced apart gunwales, a bow portion and a stern portion a wake tower, said wake tower comprising:

- (a) an upwardly extending first base connector having first and second spaced apart bores connected to the first gunwale of the sports boat;
- (b) an upwardly extending second base connector having first and second spaced apart bores connected to said second gunwale of the sports boat;
- (c) a generally U-shaped, upwardly extending structural assembly comprising a first curved side connected to said first base connector, a second curved side connected to said second base connector and a bight portion connected to and spanning said first and second curved sides, each of said curved sides comprising:
  - (i) a side connector having first and second spaced apart bores pivotally connected to said base connector; and

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(ii) a pair of inwardly curved tubular members interconnected with said side connector.

Claim 2 (original): The combination as defined in claim 1 in which said side connector includes a cavity for closely receiving said base connector.

Claim 3 (canceled)

Claim 4 (currently amended): The combination as defined in claim ~~3~~ 1 further including a pivot pin received within said first spaced apart bores and a locking bolt received within said second spaced apart bores.

Claim 5 (original): The combination as defined in claim 4 in which said generally U-shaped upwardly extending assembly is pivotally movable in a direction toward the stern portion of the sports boat.

Claim 6 (original): The combination as defined in claim 4 in which each of said curved sides further includes a generally tubular shaped cross member interconnected with said curved tubular members.

Claim 7 (original): In combination, a sports boat having first and second spaced apart gunwales, a bow portion and a stern portion a wake tower, said wake tower comprising:

(a) an upwardly extending first base connector connected to the first gunwale of the sports boat;

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(b) an upwardly extending second base connector connected to said second gunwale of the sports boat;

(c) a generally U-shaped, upwardly extending structural assembly pivotally connected to said the first and second base connectors for movement between an erected position and a stowed position, said generally U-shaped upwardly extending structural assembly having a bight portion, a first curved side connected to said bight portion and to said first base connector and a second curved side connected to said bight portion and to second base connector, each of said sides comprising:

(i) a side connector having a first bore there through and a cavity formed therein for closely receiving said base connector; and

(ii) a pair of spaced apart inwardly and upwardly curved tubular members, said tubular members having upper portions and a lower portions, said lower portions being connected to said side connector and said upper portions being connected to said bight portion.

Claim 8 (original): The combination as defined in claim 7 in which each of said base connectors and said side connectors includes first and second spaced apart bores.

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Claim 9 (original): The combination as defined in claim 8 further including a pivot pin received within said first spaced apart bores and a locking bolt received within said second spaced apart bores.

Claim 10 (original): The combination as defined in claim 9 in which said generally U-shaped upwardly extending assembly is pivotally movable downwardly in a direction toward the stern portion of the sports boat.

Claim 11 (original): The combination as defined in claim 10 in which said bight portion of said generally U-shaped, upwardly extending assembly is generally oval shaped in cross-section.

Claim 12 (original): The combination as defined in claim 10 in which said upwardly curved tubular members cooperate with said side connector to define a generally triangularly shaped opening.

Claim 13 (original): In combination, a sports boat having first and second spaced apart gunwales, a bow portion and a stern portion a wake tower, said wake tower comprising:

- (a) an upwardly extending first base connector connected to the first gunwale of the sports boat, said first base connector having first and second spaced apart bores.

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(b) an upwardly extending second base connector connected to said second gunwale of the sports boat, said second base connector having first and second spaced apart bores;

(c) a generally U-shaped, upwardly extending structural assembly pivotally connected to said the first and second base connectors for movement downwardly and rearwardly from an erected position to a stowed position, said generally U-shaped upwardly extending structural assembly having a generally oval shaped bight portion, a first curved side connected to said bight portion and to said first base connector and a second curved side connected to said bight portion and to second base connector, each of said sides comprising:

(i) a side connector having a first bore there through and a cavity formed therein for closely receiving said base connector; and

(ii) a pair of spaced apart inwardly curved tubular members, said tubular members having upper portions and a lower portions, said lower portions being connected to said side connector and said upper portions being connected to said bight portion.

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Claim 14 (original): The combination as defined in claim 13 further including a pivot pin received within said first spaced apart bores and a locking bolt received within said second spaced apart bores.

Claim 15 (original): The combination as defined in claim 14 in which said inwardly curved tubular member cooperates with said side connector to define a generally triangularly shaped opening.